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Yoshiaki KOMMA et al. : Group Art Unit: 2872
Serial No. 09/671,674 : Examiner: JUBA JR., JOHN
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For: COMPOUND OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISKS HAVING DIFFERENT THICKNESSES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AFTER FINAL ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(D)

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d). Accordingly, the Statement is accompanied by Form PTO 2038 authorizing payment of the fee OF \$180.00 as set forth in §1.17(p). Moreover, a statement specified in paragraph (e) of 37 CFR 1.97 is made herein.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(E)

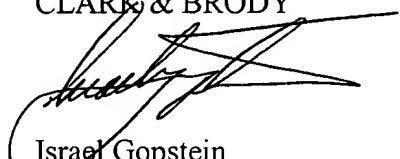
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Each of the references was cited in a corresponding foreign application search report. Copies of the English language Abstracts, for the two cited Japanese references, were provided by the European examiner, and are enclosed herewith. A copy of two foreign search reports citing the references, dated 02/13/2004 and 03/04/2004, are attached for the Examiner's consideration of the relevance of the cited art.

Having thus complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d), it is respectfully submitted that consideration of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is in order and the same is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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